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## City considers repairs to McLean Park complex

By Matt Heilman

The Park City youth baseball and softball complex in Hap McLean Park has glaring needs for repair. And toward the goal of increasing participation in the city's youth program, the city council discussed its options at its Sept.

23 meeting. A month after the eight-member group authorized the preparation of requests for proposals to operate the city's youth baseball and softball program next year, the council reviewed the RFPs on Sept. 23 with an addendum geared toward improving the complex.

In August, council member John Lehnherr said the issuance of the RFPs for the 2015 contract to operate the city's youth baseball and softball program isn't an attempt to get rid of the long-serving volunteer Park City Youth Program. But he said he also doesn't want to close the door on any

private organization that may be able to step in and help the program grow.

Lehnherr and council members Chris Johns and Gary Aldrich are on a five member committee that was formed to review the proposals to manage the city's youth program next year and to bring a

recommendation back to the council.

Recently, the committee toured the complex in McLean Park. At the Sept. 23 council meeting, Lehnherr presented a photo slideshow that highlighted several areas in need of repair.

The glaring problems

include fencing that needs replaced, drainage and erosion issues that have swept infield dirt beyond the fence lines and extensive repair or replacement to the press box at McLean Field, the largest of the three baseball and softball

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Photos by Matt Heilman

Students at Park City's Chisholm Trail Elementary School launch balloons on Sept. 22 to celebrate "count day," a day when a headcount is taken at schools across the area to provide total enrollment figures for the 2014-15 school year.

## A calculated effort

### Chisholm Trail students launch balloons to mark headcount day

By Matt Heilman

Students at Park City's Chisholm Trail Elementary School took part in the annual balloon launch to celebrate "count day" on Sept. 22. "Count day" is the day of the official headcount to figure the enrollment for schools across the state. Each student counted at Chisholm Trail on Sept. 22 was provided with a blue or yellow balloon with a note tied to its string. On the notes were short messages,



About 475 balloons were released at Chisholm Trail Elementary.

es, which included the students' names and from where the balloons were launched.

Chisholm Trail Elementary School Principal Larry Perlman said about 475 student attended school on Sept. 22. The estimate shows a slight enrollment increase from 2013.

Last year, he said a couple of the approximately 450 balloons that were launched were later found as far away as Oklahoma and Arkansas. A balloon launched in 2012 was later found in a farmer's field in Mississippi.

In March 2013, the student who launched the balloon found in the field had a chance to meet the farmer on his property in Mississippi. This year, the wind was blowing north at the time of the launch, meaning balloons are likely to be found in different states than in the past couple of years, Perlman said.

After balloons were launched on Sept. 22, Perlman played music for students to dance. Park City's New Anthem Church provided ice cream for the students.

Perlman said students have an added incentive to be in attendance on the official count day when they associate the annual enrollment calculation with a celebration.

The official enrollment figures from the Sept. 22 headcount for area school districts will follow an official audit from the state.



Courtesy photo

Park City resident Kenny Flower (left) and volunteers from the Sedgwick County Youth Program prepare the walls of the Park City Community Building.

## Group improves community building

By Matt Heilman

An effort is underway to give a facelift to an historic building in Park City. At the north end of Hap McLean Park in the 6800 block of North Hydraulic, sits the city's community building.

The nearly 50-year-old building has withstood strong winds, heavy rains and hail. Constructing a new community building in McLean Park would likely be a complex and expensive undertaking since it lies within a floodplain.

But with plans to ensure the long-term future of the community building, the Park City council has approved funding for upgrades. In August, the council voted 7-1 to spend up to \$8,000 to renovate the community building.

The renovation was approved in two motions. The council first approved allocating up to \$6,050 for new countertops, installing windows, replacing a range in the kitchen and applying a fresh coat of paint to the interior of the building. A second motion approved up to \$1,950 to replace an electrical breaker box, contingent on an inspection to determine if the work is needed.

Both measures passed 7-1 with council member Mike Alumbaugh opposed. Alumbaugh said he supported efforts to improve the community building, but he would have liked to see all the bids submitted for the improvements.

The council approved the funding for the

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## Hamburger Hero reopens

By Matt Heilman

Two years was long enough. With the demand still there, a small restaurant best known for its hamburgers has returned to Park City.

Hamburger Hero is picking up where it left off with its old logo and nearly the same name accompanying an expanded menu. Hamburger Hero owners Josh and Bri Sams, and Josh's childhood friend, Joe Braswell, reopened the business in July as a barbecue restaurant at 420 E. 61st

North.

Previously in Park City, Josh Sams was co-owner of Hamburger Heroes. When the business moved to downtown Wichita in 2012, the "es" was dropped from the restaurant's name.

Initially, the plans for the Sams' reintroduction in Park City was to operate as a barbecue restaurant with a different name for six months to a year and gradually reintroduce customers to the hamburger and catfish options that proved to be hits.

Sams said customers in Park City couldn't wait that long.

"The burgers and catfish is where it's at," Josh said.

Barbecue options are still on the menu and are a big part of the restaurant's catering service, Sams said.

But in a case of not trying to fix what isn't broken, the Sams' brought back the old company logo and stepped back up to the grill. Today, the full name of their restaurant is "Hamburger Hero Burgers, Barbecue and Catfish."

Hamburger Heroes opened in Park City in February 2010 at the space currently occupied by Daylight Donuts at 1500 N. Hydraulic. Josh Sams said the business was doing well, but when his original partnership ended, he had to find a new home for the restaurant.

In 2012, the "heroes" in the restaurant title became "hero" and the business found its new home in downtown Wichita. Sams continued to do well, serving a burger that



Matt Heilman

Hamburger Hero co-owners Josh and Bri Sams have reopened their restaurant in Park City after a two-year absence.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### DUI arrests made same time, place

In an approximately 30-minute window in the early morning hours of Aug. 24, two DUI suspects were taken off the streets in the same block in Park City.

At 1:51 a.m. Park City police Sgt. Trent Johnson and a Park City officer arrested Jesus Vela-Espinosa on a charge of DUI following a traffic stop for infractions in the 6200 block of North Broadway. As Johnson was transporting Vela-Espinosa to the Sedgwick County Jail about 30 minutes after the arrest, the sergeant observed a vehicle driven by Lauren Aspenson strike a median, causing one of its tires to flatten in the 6200 block of North Broadway. Aspenson was also arrested on a charge of DUI following the accident. Two Park City officers and a Valley Center officer assisted on the second report.

— Matt Heilman

### Police respond to suicidal threat

A subject never followed through with a reported threat, but Park City police took the call seriously.

In a report made at 11:51 p.m. Aug. 22, officers were dispatched to check for an identified subject who had reportedly threatened to throw himself in front of 70-mph traffic on I-135. The officers were initially unable to locate the subject described as wearing a white T-shirt and a black backpack. A few hours later, shortly after 3 a.m. Aug. 23, a Park City officer and a sergeant were dispatched to check a person matching the description of the alleged suicidal subject. The subject was described as an urban outdoorsman, who was passing through Park City. It's unknown if the subject had made the earlier threat to jump in front of traffic.

— The Post staff

### Seven people escape house fire

Seven people safely evacuated from a Park City home and no one was injured in a Sept. 20 house fire reported at a rental property at 6453 N. Kerman. Sedgwick County Fire Division Chief Carl Cox said the fire, reported at 11:56 a.m., was contained to the kitchen, but smoke damage spread to other parts of the home.

Cox said the fire appeared to have started from hot grease on the stove.

He said three adults and four children were inside the home when the fire started.

Cox said the occupants of the property were displaced as repairs are being made.

He said the total damage estimate from the fire was \$12,000.

— The Post staff

### IRS scam targets city residents

A Park City woman was the target of an apparent scam reported Sept. 10 in the 6300 block of North Chisholm Pointe.

The woman reported receiving a phone call from someone

identifying himself as an officer with the IRS. The "IRS officer" told the woman he had a warrant for her arrest and if she did not pay \$1,987, he would have someone at her front door within 45 minutes to arrest her.

Park City police said the woman did not fall for the apparent scam and no one showed up at her residence to arrest her. An "IRS officer" contacted a second Park City resident on Sept. 11 in the 100 block of West 57th north. A citizen reported receiving a message on his answering machine from an "officer with the IRS," saying he needed to call them back. The message was deemed false.

— Matt Heilman

### Youth Program tools, fuel stolen

Thieves got away with nearly \$7,000 worth of items owned by the Park City Youth Program following a burglary to two storage sheds in Hap McLean Park in the 6800 block of North Hydraulic.

Park City officers responded to the burglary report that was made at 2:17 p.m. Sept. 13.

Park City Youth Program president Jim Helms said the burglary likely occurred during the overnight hours of Sept. 12. The storage units are on the west side of the park.

Park City Police Det. Dwight Wilkes said items stolen included one John Deere Gator, a weed eater, a leaf blower, an air compressor, miscellaneous hand tools, oil and gasoline and a radio.

The total loss estimate was \$6,930.

The case is under investigation. No suspects have been identified.

Photos were taken at the scene and prints were collected and submitted as evidence, Wilkes said.

— Matt Heilman

### City issues 10 permits in Aug.

The City of Park City issued 10 building permits during August for a total valuation of \$504,810. Of that number, two were for new homes and one for a commercial addition. Permits are listed by date they were issued, address, type of work and valuation:

•Aug. 4, 6931 N. Grove, roofing, siding, windows, \$25,000; •Aug. 8, 5940 N. Prospect, commercial addition, \$100,000; •Aug. 15, 1812 Cedar Tree, new home, \$108,200; •Aug. 18, 2531 Elk Run Court, siding, \$9,000; •Aug. 26, 1137 Bearhill Circle, new home, \$240,080; •Aug. 18, 1110 Evanston, reroof, \$6,000; •Aug. 22, 1236 Broadbeck, reroof, \$3,975; •Aug. 28, 5549 Chuzy Drive, pole sign, \$1,200; •Aug. 26, 6656 Scottsville, reroof, \$3,785; •Aug. 27, 2001 Fairchild, reroof, \$7,570.

— The Post staff

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## Furniture and home décor business opens

By Matt Heilman

Following a yearlong remodeling effort, engaged Kechi couple Guy Parker and Doris Owens and Owens' daughter, Deanna Dreiling, are working for the weekend with the launch of a new business in Park City.

On Aug. 9, the trio held the grand opening for Flat Roof Creations, a creative business that specializes in refurbishing or creating new furniture and home décor from wood or recycled raw materials. For now, Flat Roof Creations, located at 6518 N. Broadway, is open every weekend on Friday and Saturday as well as the final two Sundays each month. The current schedule allows the family to attend auctions, flea markets and estate sales to collect items that can be given new life with refurbishing or used to create something new.

"We are a DIY (do it yourself) family with a special interest in creating wood furniture and refurbishing other pieces," the business states on the Flat Roof Creations LLC Facebook page. "Everything we sell is functional, reasonable and customizable. We enjoy crafting, crochet, sewing and upholstery. We like to take everyday items and turn them into something functional and fun."

Parker, who works full-time at Park City's T.A. Millwork, has a talent for building wooden furniture from scratch.

Owens and Dreiling say they enjoy refurbishing and recreating items, but depend on Parker when carpentry is involved. Owens and Dreiling generally come up with an idea for a new or recreated piece. Projects are completed in workshop space located behind the main display



Matt Heilman

**Deanna Dreiling (left), Doris Owens and Guy Parker have opened Flat Roof Creations.**

room of Flat Roof Creations.

"That's where the miracle happens," Parker said.

Among the items on display in the shop are old doors that have been converted into bookshelves, a light fixture with jars used as light canisters, an old chest touched up to retain its

antique appeal and a headboard for a twin bed, created from an old fence gate.

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# THE PARK CITY REPORT

## CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**City Council Meeting August 26, 2014**

- Approved the minutes of August 12, 2014 regular meeting.
- Approved the minutes of August 18, 2014 Board of Health meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 799-2014.
- Approved an agreement with WDM Architects, P.A. for Phase I of the Architectural/Engineering Design Services for a New City Hall/Police Station; Cost \$35,480.
- Approved a request from Echo Hills Commercial Development to extend temporary notes for a period of one year.
- Authorized the purchase of Lot 16 Block C Saddlebrook 3rd Addition at Tax Sale scheduled for September 15, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$3,186.21.
- Changed the sponsorship of the Fall Citywide Garage Sale from the Friends of the Library to Project Friendship.
- Approved the final plat for QuikTrip at 928 E. 61st Street North.

- Appointed Mayor Mann and Councilmember Glover to be voting delegates and Councilmembers Capps and Jones to be alternates at the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference.
- Added 5.3 acres to the sale of City-owned land to Insurance Auto Auctions without increased cost to the purchaser.
- Approved a \$3,000 contract with K.E. Miller for an engineering study of erosion damage in McLean Park.
- Held an executive session to consult with legal counsel regarding potential litigation. No action was taken during the executive session.

**City Council Meeting September 9, 2014**

- Approved the minutes of the August 26, 2014 regular meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 800-2014.
- Approved “Shred it” Day, 10/25/14 from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the City Hall Parking Lot
- Approved sponsorship of B-52 Soccer for the 2014/2015 Season at Hartman Arena, \$11,435.

- Approved sponsorship of KCAC men’s and women’s basketball championship games, Hartman Arena, \$10,000.
- Approved sponsorship of Hartman Arena Conventions over a five-year period, 2015-2019, \$9,375 per year.
- Appointed Stephanie Davis to the Convention & Tourism Board.
- Appointed Dana Walden as an Alternate to the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO).
- Approved an annual agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for administering the Commodities Food Assistance Program.
- Authorized the City Administrator and Public Works Director to purchase a dump truck at a future auction, not to exceed \$40,000, from Special Street and Highway funds.

Questions about the meetings may be addressed to Terry Coltrain, Finance Director, at 316-744-2026 x204 or cityclerk@parkcityks.com.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**PC = Pride Center, SC = Senior Center, CB = Comm. Bldg, CH = City Hall, PCL = Park City Library**

Oct. 1 — 10:30 a.m. Seniors Catered Lunch SC  
Oct. 2 — 6:30 p.m. Court CH  
Oct. 4 — 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Brush and Tree Limb Cleanup Day  
Oct. 4 — 7 p.m. Senior Dance SC  
Oct. 5 — 7 p.m. PCYP Board CB  
Oct. 6 — 7 p.m. Park Board CH  
Oct. 9 — 1 p.m. Court Trials CH  
Oct. 9 — 6:30 p.m. Court CH  
Oct. 9 — 7 p.m. Library Board PCL  
Oct. 11 — 9 a.m. Pride PC  
Oct. 11 — 7 p.m. Senior Dance SC

Oct. 14 — 7 p.m. Council CH  
Oct. 16 — 5:30 p.m. Seniors Finger Food  
Oct. 16 — Court CH  
Oct. 18 — 7 p.m. Park City Alive! PCL  
Oct. 20 — 7 p.m. Planning/ BZA CH  
Oct. 23 — 1 p.m. Court Trials  
Oct. 23 — 4:30 p.m. CCUA Bel Aire CH  
Oct. 23 — 6:30 p.m. Court CH  
Oct. 23 — 7 p.m. Seniors Square Dance SC  
Oct. 25 — 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Shred it! CH  
Oct. 25 — 7 p.m. Senior Dance SC  
Oct. 28 — 7 p.m. Council CH  
Oct. 29 — 11:30 a.m. Chamber Luncheon  
Oct. 31 — 8 a.m. Commodities Leekers

## SENIOR CALENDAR

For a complete schedule of all daily/weekly activities & programs, call 744-1199.

**Monday**  
9:15 a.m. exercise  
10:15 Bible study (except first Monday)  
1:00 p.m. crochet/art class  
7:00 Pitch

**Tuesday**  
8:30 a.m. Wii Bowling  
10:00 Chair exercise  
1:00 Bridge  
6:00 TOPS

**Wednesday**  
Nail care w/Brenda Ingram second Wednesday  
9:15 a.m. Exercise  
1:00 p.m. Walking  
2:30 Line dance lessons

**Thursday**  
8:30 a.m. Wii Bowling  
10:00 Chair exercise  
7:00 p.m. Square Dance (except third Thursday)

**Friday**  
9:15 Exercise  
1:00 Pinochle

**Saturday**  
1:00 PM Pinochle

Lunch offered by Good Neighbor Nutrition,

Monday through Friday, 11:30 am. Reservations Required, Call 744-0751. Home-bound delivery Monday through Friday.

**TOPS**  
Take Pounds Off Sensibly meets Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. For more information on joining contact GiGi Roths at 390-5531.

**Special Events**  
Oct. 6, 13, and 27 – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm A Matter of Balance classes

Oct. 7– 11:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic and Diet Talk

Oct. 9– 11:30 am CarFit Presentation

Oct. 16– 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm CarFit Event

Oct. 21 – 11:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic and Exercise Talk

**Monthly Events**  
Oct. 1st - 10:30 am Chisholm Trail Seniors Catered Lunch and

meeting (lunch by reservation)  
Oct. 7 Harris Healthcare

Oct. 8 Nail care wiBrenda Ingram

Oct. 16 1 PM - Card bingo — fee \$1  
5:30 PM - Finger Food

Oct. 17– 6:00 pm Food/Fun/Games

Oct. 21– 8 am Breakfast out- Auntie C's

**SENIOR DANCES**  
\$4 donation at the door Refreshments served Saturdays

Oct. 4th, 7:00 PM Yesterday's Playboys

Oct. 18th, 7:00 PM (Free Dance) The Wildwood Band

**For more Information on senior activities contact the Park City Senior Center at 744-1199.**

## FALL CLEAN-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Leaves are falling – REMEMBER TO KEEP THE STREET AND DITCHES FREE OF RAKED LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS. Do not blow grass clippings or rake leaves into the street or ditches. The water that runs off the street and into the gutters eventually ends up in the lakes and streams. The clean water act prohibits the introduction of leaves and grass clippings into the storm water system and it is a violation of the Park City Municipal Code. Remember, it is the responsibility of homeowners to mow and maintain the ditches behind their homes and to keep them free of limbs and debris.

Now is the time to take advantage of the Park City Fall Clean-up Days that are free to Park City residents. These include the Brush & Tree Limb, and Document Shredding Days.

**BRUSH and LIMB DAY**  
October 4th  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
West End of McLean Park (6801 N Hydraulic)  
Brush & Tree Limbs ONLY  
Proof of Residency Required

**DOCUMENT SHREDDING**  
October 25th  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
City Hall Parking Lot (6110 N Hydraulic)  
Provided by Waste Connections/City of Park City  
Proof of Residency Required

## Fall Festival Hap McLean Park

**Saturday, October 25th 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**



Band, Hay Rack Rides, Bonfire with Hot Dogs, S'mores Money Dive, Kids Games, Pumpkin Painting

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## Winter pet preparation

It's time to start thinking about how you will care for your pets with cold and snowy weather around the corner. If your pets are outdoor animals, or if they spend time outdoors, they will need a house with fresh straw and a wind break so that they are properly protected from the elements. It is very important to keep the kennel area clean. Make sure to remove the fecal matter at least once per week or more often depending on the number of animals that share the kennel or yard.

Remember to keep fresh water available. Feed your animal and change the water at least twice daily. If the temperature is at or below freezing, remember to break the ice on the water or change it more frequently.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your pets or neighbors pets feel free to contact the Department of Code Enforcement at 316-744-2026 ext. 205 or 225 during regular business hours.

## RECYCLING DAYS IN PARK CITY

East of I-135 **TUESDAYS** –2nd, 14th & 28th

West of I-135 **Wednesday** – 1st, 16th & 29th

(Place recyclables at curb by 6 a.m.)

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## PARK CITY PROJECT FRIENDSHIP

Project Friendship is a charitable organization that helps families in the City of Park City with their water/sewer bill. If you are experiencing a financial hardship and need assistance, please call 744-2026 and someone at City Hall will get you in touch with one of the Project Friendship board members. The board meets on the second Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room at City Hall. To make a tax-deductible contribution to Project Friendship simply round up the amount of your utility bill and write the extra amount on the donation line that is located on the left side of your return stub. You may also pledge an amount that will automatically be added to your bill each month. For more information, call the water clerk at 744-2026 ext 207.

## What Happens If I Don't Get A Water Bill?

**It is your responsibility to pay your bill, even if you do not receive a statement.**

This is a reminder to let you know that utility bills are mailed the last working day of the month and are due by the 15th of the following month. When you don't receive a bill within 2 or 3 days after the first of the month, please contact our office at 744-2026. The bills do get lost in the

mail, delivered to the wrong address, or returned to us with notations from the post office such as “moved no forwarding address” or “unable to forward”. When you move remember to call all of your utilities to let them know you have moved and provide your new address.



**Make it a safe Halloween – watch out for trick or treaters!**

## WATER EXCESS USE CHARGE

The water and sewer billing received around the first of August will reflect an “Excessive Use Charge” for residential customers who used over 15,000 gallons during a billing cycle. This period began with the usage from June 15th and will extend through October 15th. The Excessive Use Charge for Commercial Customers is calculated on a different basis.

A garden hose left on can pour out 1,000 gallons of water or more in only a few hours. Remember that when you leave the sprinkler running all day or leave the hose unattended, thousands of gallons can be used in a very short time. A toilet flush uses up to seven gallons, water taps run at about five gallons a minute while waiting for the water to get hot or cold, showers use five to ten gallons a minute, and leaks can soak up hundreds or even thousands of gallons a day.

ings are on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month; October 14th and 28th ,7:00 p.m. at City Hall. If you are not able to attend, the meetings are broadcast live on Channel 7. Meetings are rebroadcast on Channel 7 and are available for viewing on the Park City website in the media center. Log onto the website, www.parkcityks.com., to find helpful information and a calendar of events. You can also look for information on Twitter @ parkcityks and Facebook. Remember to LIKE Park City on Facebook . Coming soon the City Mobile app will be a great option for information on the go!

## FALL SAFETY TIP FROM THE PARK CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

It's that time of the year when chilly nights have us looking for ways to warm up our homes and cars, and we see an increase in carbon monoxide (CO) poisonings. Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that occurs when carbon based fuels are burned in an inefficient manner. It is the leading cause of all poisonings in the world. Gas fired furnaces; gas-cooking appliances, wood burning fireplaces and stoves, and vehicle engines all have the ability to produce carbon monoxide in sufficient amounts to cause illness and or death. Carbon monoxide is 250 times more efficient than oxygen at bonding to your red blood cells and exposure of as little as 200 parts per million (PPM) can cause headaches and 800 (PPM) can cause convulsions and unconsciousness.

**The following list is a partial list of things that you can do to avoid CO poisoning.**

- Have your heating appliances, chimneys, and venting systems inspected each year.
- Never use gas fired cooking appliances for heating your home.
- Never use portable un-vented heaters indoors.
- Never warm up your vehicles in an enclosed garage or partially enclosed carport.
- Never close the damper on your fireplace before the fire is completely out.
- Never use charcoal or gas grills in enclosed patios, carports or garages.
- Never run small gas engines (generators, power washers) next to open windows.
- Never ignore possible symptoms of CO poisoning especially if more than one person has the symptoms. (Headaches, nausea, and dizziness)
- Purchase and install a carbon monoxide detector for each floor level of your house.

## PARTICIPATE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Get involved! You can be a part of making Park City a better community. Serve on a board or committee. The City of Park City has a number of Boards and Committees that are made up of concerned citizens. Applications are always accepted and maintained for future openings. Currently, there is an opening on the Library Board and the Convention and Tourism Board. Please complete and submit an application. Application forms are available at City Hall or on the website at www.parkcityks.com. You can attend Park City Council Meetings and sign up to speak at Public Forum. The Council Meet-

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# Pet laws should protect humans

As long as they're well behaved and don't cause nuisances, we enjoy having pets around. It's nice to see friends and neighbors out for a walk with their dogs in the early evenings. Companionship with animals is a quality-of-life improver and it's often a staple for suburban family life in communities like Valley Center, Park City, Bel Aire and Kechi.

But there comes a point when you have to take responsibility for your pet's actions. And there comes a point where sometimes-convoluted ordinances have to be sorted through and enforced to assure that the pet you love isn't causing problems for others in the community.

An unfortunate event that could have turned tragic is bringing the issue of pet ordinances within our communities back up for discussion. On Sept. 10, a teenager was attacked by a dog in Bel Aire. The dog was owned by friends of the teen and was not at-large at the time of the attack.

It's unclear exactly what triggered the dog to act aggressively. Somehow, the dog's initial curiosity in greeting the teen turned violent.

The dog attacked, the teen suffered bites and required emergency care. The dog was sent to the county's animal shelter and quarantined, and likely will have to be put down if it hasn't been already.

The dog was a pit bull that had reportedly undergone obedience training after being involved in two prior, less violent attacks in Wichita. We don't want to get into breed shaming and calling for pit bulls and other terriers with more aggressive reputations to be banned in all of our communities. We know that there are pit bull owners and Rottweiler owners across the area that would swear that they have the sweetest dogs in the world. And for all we know, they might be right.

But the attack in Bel Aire brings to light the importance of ordinances and the need to review them fairly regularly, at least on an annual basis. We know that hindsight is 20-20, but questions have been raised after the attack in Bel Aire.

No matter how well the dog performed in its obedience training and no matter how secure the fence was to keep the dog from running at-large, neighbors should have the right to question why such an aggressive animal was permitted to live in the city.

We don't know if there was anything the teen in Bel Aire did that might have caused the dog to feel threatened or defensive. And really, it doesn't matter in a case where, by all accounts, the victim had no intentions to harm the animal.

For us, the bottom line is we don't want aggressive animals in our neighborhoods. It doesn't matter how sweet and loving your pet may be. If they're capable of turning a bad day into a trip to the hospital, we don't think it's too much to ask that they find a home away from children and with a farther distance between residences.

And looking at other animal ordinance issues in the past couple of years, we also believe that traditionally rural animals like pot-bellied pigs, chickens and miniature horses should be kept outside of city limits.

It's important to review the ordinances to make sure that they make sense and that they have the best interest of our communities in mind.

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# Park City looking forward to Fall Fest

Fall has arrived. With four seasons, everyone has a favorite. Myself, I like spring when its neither too hot or too cold. The second Monday of October is Columbus Day to commemorate the landing of Christopher Columbus in the New World in 1492.

Park City's Fall Festival — sponsored by the Events Committee — will be Oct.

25 at Hap McLean Park close to where the skate boards are located. There is plenty of fun for everyone. Hayrack rides, games, hot dogs, marshmallows to roast and pumpkins. Come out for a good time from 6 to 8 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church at Hillside and 53rd is host to about 300 Heights students for lunch on Wednesdays.



**Around Park City**  
**By Cecile Cox**

Halloween is always a big celebration. Park City always has events and treats

for kids. Trunk of Treats at Don Hattan's Shop. Some Churches have Harvest Party's which is much safer for kids then being out on the streets.

Oct. 4 Yesterday Playboys band plays for the dance at the Senior Center. Agness Dry plans and sponsors the dances. It's a lot of work. Thank her for what she does.

On Oct 18 is a free dance celebrating Aggies 81st birthday. Also celebrating are, Dorothy Lane, Mary Weston and Sheila Smallwood.

Park City Alive is Oct. 11 at the Park City Library. Annie Diggs presents A Voice for Working People. Time is 7 p.m.

"It is what it is, but it is what you make of it."

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Worship services are at 9:00 a.m. (Contemporary) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School is at 10:15 a.m. For more information about the church and its activities find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org) or call 744-1242. Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister of Christ Lutheran Church.

### Church of the Resurrection

(Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire. Masses for the Lord's Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade. The parish/school website is [www.resurrectionwichita.com](http://www.resurrectionwichita.com). Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

### Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities. Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

### Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee follow the service.

Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203. Senior Day first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Women meet the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. Movie night is the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. A snack is served.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

### Kechi United Methodist Church

You are invited to worship at 9:03 am (contemporary service) or 11:00 am (traditional service) on Sundays at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

All 6th - 12th grade youth are invited Sundays to the church at 4:00 p.m. for youth group.

CareGivers Support group meets every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the basement parlor. Bingo is every first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Find us at [www.KechiUMC.org](http://www.KechiUMC.org) and "Like" us on Facebook. Pastor Mitch Reece can be contacted at [Mitch@kechiumpc.org](mailto:Mitch@kechiumpc.org). Phone number 744-1221.

### The United Methodist Church at Park City

The United Methodist Church at Park City is located at 1510 E. 61st North and has worship every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. Professionally staffed childcare and children's ministries are provided for morning services, and a mother/baby room is also available.

Sunday Night Live is back! We will meet at The Country Kitchen, 53rd & Broadway, at 6:00 p.m. You may

choose to order dinner, or just come for praise and worship.

Every week we have small groups and special events designed with the community in mind. We'd love to have you join in!

Monday - Jeni Jo is our licensed Zumba instructor, join her every Monday night from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for fun fitness.

ASL for Kids - Beginner level class is at 6:30 and Deaf Bible Study is at 7 p.m., contact Angie at 316-217-2847. Tuesday — Celebrate Recovery is at 6:30 p.m., contact David at 316-841-0777.

Wednesday — Family Ministry Night, at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a meal, then "Song Of Solomon" for adults, Youth Group for Middle and High School, and Awana for the kids age five through 5th grade. Professionally staffed childcare for the younger children. 316-744-0029 for more information. Also, beginning Sept. 18 will be "Children of the Day", a Beth Moore study on Thessalonians. Call the church at 744-0029 for information.

Sunday — Morning Worship is at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Night Live, at 6:00 p.m. at The Country Kitchen. Call the church at 744-0029 for more information.

Starting in September, we are offering Epiphany Ministry, Inc. Team Training with Roy Bradshaw. This is a ministry for troubled and incarcerated teens and youth. Call Roy at 214-687-2754 if you want to know more about Epiphany Ministry, Inc.

All events and activities are open to the community. Feel free to contact Pastor Rob at 316-744-0029 with any questions about upcoming events and activities. Find the church on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/TheCountryKitchen](http://www.facebook.com/TheCountryKitchen))

ChurchAtParkCity), follow us on Twitter "@Churchparkcity", or visit our website ([www.churchatparkcity.com](http://www.churchatparkcity.com)) for more information.

### Randall Road Baptist Church

Randall Road Baptist is located at 6556 N Randall, Park City.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m.

Sunday evening activities start at 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study begins at 7 p.m.

Contact Pastor Jim McQuery at 201-1696 or e-mail at [jmcquery@cox.net](mailto:jmcquery@cox.net).

### Riverview Baptist Church

Located at 844 W. 53rd North. The church office can be reached at 838-4861.

Sunday schedule has Bible study at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:45 and evening worship at 6 p.m.

Fellowship meal is at 6 p.m. Wednesday. At 7 p.m. is adult Bible study and prayer and youth group (grades nine through 12).

Awana Club is on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Youth Group is on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Call the church office for more information.

### St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E. 61st Street Park City, KS 67219. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. "...the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." Acts 11:26.

On Sunday at 9 a.m. is our adult

class, "Jesus: The Man, the Message and the Meaning" Service of Matins is at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m. Nursery service is provided.

On Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m. On Saturday Vespers is at 4:30 p.m.

Men's Study Group first and third Monday at 7 p.m. We are studying the Gospel of Luke.

Women's Study Group second and fourth Friday at 10 a.m. We are studying the book, GOD'S PATH TO SANITY: Lessons from Ancient Holy Counselors on How to have a Sound Mind.

Wednesday Potluck Supper & Program are on the first and third Wednesdays with Liturgy 6 p.m., Potluck Supper 6:45 p.m., program 7:30 p.m. Sept. 3 began a seven part program on the Epistle to the Ephesians entitled, THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD. Our first session was an introduction to the Orthodox Church's teaching on Satan and the demons.

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website: [www.stmichaeloc.org](http://www.stmichaeloc.org)

Email inquiries: [jflora@cox.net](mailto:jflora@cox.net)

### Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Church

The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67219.

The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.

For more information find us at [www.godscloset.com](http://www.godscloset.com) or on Facebook, email [eric@godscloset.com](mailto:eric@godscloset.com), or call 530-1040. For more information find us at [www.godscloset.com](http://www.godscloset.com) or on Facebook, email [eric@godscloset.com](mailto:eric@godscloset.com), or call 530-1040.

## Complex

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fields at the complex which also includes a T-ball field.

Lehnher pointed out that McLean Field used to be considered "the crown jewel" of youth baseball in the area.

"It's at a point where something needs done," he said of the complex in Hap McLean

Park.

The council approved adding an addendum to the RFPs to operate the baseball and softball program. The addendum is a request for organizations to include experience with field maintenance and their plans for improving the complex in their proposals. Once costs are assessed to start tackling repairs, city leaders would also like to know how much money orga-

nizations would be willing to spend on repairs.

Park City Mayor Ray Mann recommended that improvements to McLean Field and repairs to areas identified as safety concerns should be the top priorities in the overall project to improve the baseball and softball complex.

One of the best features of the complex the council discussed at its Sept. 23 meeting is the high-quality lights that

were paid for with funds from the Park City Convention and Tourism Board. Mann said the city's ultimate goal is to see the lights put to good use.

"Those fields need to be improved so that our lights are on every night with something going on at our ball fields," Mann said.

Also on Sept. 23, the council: • Heard from Assistant City Administrator Dana Walden who said that there is a potential \$250 reward available to anyone who has informa-

tion that leads to the identification of suspects in a recent burglary to two sheds in McLean Park belonging to the Park City Youth Program.

• Approved a real estate purchase agreement with Greater Peoria Properties, LLC.

• Approved a contract with SBA Monarch Towers, LLC for the lease of city-owned property located at a cell tower at 6475 W. Parkview.

• Received an update from Walden on the city's mobile app.

\*Held a six-minute executive session to consider matters relating to security measures. No binding action was taken in the closed session.

## Building

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renovation following a short presentation from former council member and current Park City Parks and Recreation Advisory/Tree Board representative Carol Flower.

Flower, a longtime Park City resident, said the community building was constructed with no funds from the Park City Improvement District. The community was not incorporated as an official city until 1980.

Flower said representatives

of the Park City Lions Club and a group of young professional men in the community, known as the Jaycees, built the community building with raw materials, including siding from an old barn that was torn down. After the city's incorporation, the community building was used to host the first city council meetings and municipal court proceedings.

During municipal court, prisoners would stand behind a curtain in the small kitchen of the building. The kitchen space was also used for attorneys to meet in private, Flower said.

The community building is where Park City swore in its first police chief and interviewed and hired its first judge. The first charter ordinances were also drafted in the building.

"Every city function was held in this building," Flower said. "Everything in the city started right here."

The restoration effort began last month.

On Sept. 9, five residents of the Sedgwick County Youth Program and their adult supervisor worked with park board representatives, Brenda Darlington, Dee

Stuart and Carol and Kenny Flower on painting the interior of the community building, brightening the space by covering the dark walnut paneling with a lighter, grayish color.

"It no longer feels like a cave," Flower said.

Starting on Sept. 15, Klein Construction started work on the building that included the installation of a larger serving shelf between the main room and the kitchen, the installation of new cabinet tops, backsplashes and a new stovetop in the kitchen and the installation of three

windows on the west wall of the building, overlooking the playground in the park.

An open house for the remodeled community building is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 25. At the open house, information about rental rates, deposits and new rules for the use of the building will be available.

Flower said the park board's "unanimous wish" is to improve the shape of the community building and "increase its rentability and safety."

"Safety is one of our primary things," she said.

## Hero

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was ranked among the top 10 in the city according to Naked City Magazine and catfish that ranked as the second best in the State of Kansas.

The restaurant didn't have trouble attracting customers, but the end of another partnership drew a close to the Sams' work in Wichita.

Josh Sams, who's been in the restaurant business for about 15 years, briefly served as a supervisor at Cracker Barrel and helped the owners of

Stearman Field Bar and Grill in Benton launch the restaurant before he returned as a restaurant owner in Park City. "They wanted us back, so we're here," he said.

The remodeling of Hamburger Hero's new home includes additional seating at the back of the business and black walls that double as chalkboard space.

"It's just something to add a little personality," Josh Sams said.

Hamburger Hero is open

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. Josh Sams said he eventually plans to keep the restaurant open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days per week once more customers redis-

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# Council discusses sponsorship of religious conventions

By Matt Heilman

The Park City council is unanimous in placing a high priority on attracting visitors to the city. However, at the council's Sept. 9 meeting, the group addressed an issue concerning a motion to utilize convention and tourism funds collected from motel sales tax dollars to sponsor religious-based conventions at Hartman Arena over a five-year period from 2015 to 2019.

While the prospect of welcoming a popular convention to Park City was seen as a positive, council member Chris Johns brought up the subject of separating church and government with the plans for the Christian Congregation of

Jehovah's Witnesses to bring its annual three-day, Jehovah's Witnesses Regional Convention to Hartman Arena starting next summer.

Park City Convention and Tourism Board chairman John Goyette said the conventions would attract close to 5,000 attendants per day for the first three conventions planned for three days each. With more guests anticipated than Park City motels can accommodate, Goyette said Go Wichita has agreed to partner with the convention and tourism board in splitting the cost to rent the arena for the conventions.

Goyette said the agreement calls for the convention and tourism board's portion of the rent to be \$625 per day for the

15 total days or the regional convention over five years, with Go Wichita paying \$1,000 per day.

Goyette said all negotiations were directly with Hartman Arena and the Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses would not receive any funds directly from the convention and tourism board.

However, Johns saw the rent contribution from the Park City Convention and Tourism Board as a way of supporting the group hosting the convention. He described the degree to which the city may be perceived as supporting a religious organization as "a blurred line."

Council member George Capps said that with the approval of sponsorship for the

Jehovah's Witness conventions the city would be doing nothing more than providing money to help bring visitors to Park City. He indicated the issue of the separation of church state was an unnecessary concern regarding the conventions planned for Hartman Arena.

"I think in this country we're getting too carried away with political correctness," he said.

Goyette said the conventions are projected to generate about \$3.2 million in economic development for south-central Kansas.

"I think the convention is a good thing, but to say we're not supporting the organization by paying their rent is naïve," Johns said. "I just think it's opening the door to any

convention that comes in, that we're saying we want to put our dollars coming in ahead of whatever the organization may be. I just think it's something we need to look at."

Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said the city has supported the Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in the past when the organization held its convention at the Kansas Coliseum. He said an Evangelical group has also been supported in the past with its use of the Coliseum.

"This isn't something that we haven't done," he said.

He said the Coliseum had a budget to host various activities and the city approved the budget. Although the support wasn't as direct as it is with the

sponsorship attached to convention and tourism dollars, he said there was a similar process in place by the city of approving the coverage of rent payments to bring visitors to the city.

Council member Tom Jones, who serves as the council liaison to the Park City Convention and Tourism Board, said he didn't see where the city could be interpreted as being financially tied to a religious organization since no property tax dollars are being used to sponsor the conventions.

The council voted 6-2 in support of sponsoring the Jehovah's Witness conventions at Hartman Arena with convention and tourism money. Johns and council member George Glover opposed the motion.

## Construction on first tenant in Echo Hills expected to start by spring

By Matt Heilman

Progress has been slow, but the developer of the planned Echo Hills commercial property expressed optimism that signs of improvement in the commercial real estate market will generate more interest and activity in the months ahead.

On Aug. 26, Mike Loveland, who is working to develop the 84-acre former golf course property west of 53rd North and

I-135 into a commercial development, addressed the Park City council as part of his request for a one-year extension on the temporary note for financing improvements for the site. Eventually, the temporary note will be rolled into permanent financing in the form of special assessments to be paid by future tenants of Echo Hills.

In 2012, Park City spent about \$4.2 million in infrastructure improvements for the

Echo Hills commercial development with the bulk of the work dedicated to paving and sanitary sewer. The improvements included widening 53rd Street at the entrance to the property.

Before the council approved Loveland's request to extend the temporary note, the developer told the group that the Arby's restaurant chain is working on plans for their building and a separate developer has architectural drawings in the works for a multi-tenant building on one of the lots neighboring the future home of Arby's.

Loveland said construction on the site for Arby's and the multi-tenant building, which will consist of smaller businesses like a strip mall, is expected to begin in the spring.

Loveland didn't elaborate on what businesses could occupy

the multi-tenant building. And for the sake of confidentiality, he also didn't disclose more information about other potential tenants that he says have expressed interest in Echo Hills.

The plans for the development call for an approximately 324,000-square-foot box store to serve as an anchor that will draw other businesses to the development, Loveland said when discussing the property in March.

At that time, he said he'd been in discussion with more than 20 prospects for development on the site. The prospects weren't disclosed, but Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said a large grocery store chain, a movie theater and a convenience store were among the possibilities. To date, Arby's is still the lone tenant formally

committed to building at Echo Hills.

On Aug. 26, council member John Lehnerr asked Loveland to return to the council with an update in six months. He asked the developer if there was more the city could be doing to help spur interest in the property.

Loveland said he has some ideas, but isn't ready to discuss them with the council. He indicated the dominoes would start to fall once construction begins.

"I'd like to see those buildings going up now, but you just can't force development," he said.

Also on Aug. 26, the council: • Approved Glover and Mayor Ray Mann as voting delegates and council

members George Capps and Tom Jones as alternates to the Annual League of Kansas Municipalities Conference Oct. 11-13 in Wichita.

• Approved spending \$3,000 to hire an engineer to determine necessary repairs to the creek bank adjacent to the low-water bridge in Hap McLean Park.



Matt Heilman

Chief Phil Bostian presents Officer Brandon Green with an official commendation Sept. 23.

## Officer commended for emergency response

By The Post staff

Before regular business at the Sept. 23 Park City Council meeting, Police Chief Phil Bostian presented Officer Brandon Green with an official commendation in the form of a certificate. Green was recognized for his role on a recent call, assisting emergency crews with an unresponsive patient at a Park City residence. Green performed CPR before crews arrived and consoled the patient's wife before the patient was transported to a hospital, but the man's wife wrote a letter to Green, thanking

him for his part in trying to save her husband's life. Bostian said Green's efforts helped prolong the patient's life long enough for his family to see him one last time.

"Officer Green, you acted swiftly and selflessly in an attempt to save this man's life and also showed compassion for others by consoling his distraught wife during a very emotional time," Bostian said.

The chief said Green's actions exemplified the motto of the Park City Police Department, which includes the words honor, integrity and service.

## DEATH

### ROSE MARY SOLES

Rose Mary (Alfaro) Soles, 50, former Trinity preschool teacher, died Aug. 31, 2014.

She was born in Wichita to Bernardo Edward Alfaro and Betty Ilene (Rupke) Alfaro. She attended and was a graduate of North High School, Wichita. She loved her family and friends dearly.

She is survived by her husband, David Soles; children Casandra Alfaro of Kansas

City, Jeremy Soles of Denver, David J. Soles of Park City and Macayla Soles of Park City; sister Rita Adcock of Park City; brother John (Shari) Alfaro of Park City; aunts and uncles, Richard Rupke, Viola Rupke and Charlotte Ingram; and many other family and friends.

She was preceded by her brother, Charles Alfaro; and parents Bernard and Betty Alfaro.

Visitation and service were Sept. 6, both at Valley Center Christian Church, 1801 E. Fifth, Valley Center. Memorials may be designated to the Valley Center Christian Church, PO Box 158, Valley Center, KS 67147, or American Diabetes Association, 608 W. Douglas S-100, Wichita, KS 67203. Baker Funeral Home Valley Center is handling arrangements.



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# Park City QuikTrip to receive upgrade with reconstruction

By Matt Heilman

Plans are in the works for one of the Wichita area’s busiest QuikTrips to receive an upgrade. QuikTrip Corp. is planning to convert its Park City store at 61st North and I-135 into an updated, “Gen-3” store with more space, access points and food options. The Park City council ap-

proved the final plat for the upgrade at its Aug. 26 meeting. Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said the current, approximate 3,000-square-foot store will be razed and a new, 5,000-square-foot store will be constructed on the same site. “It’s gonna be a scrape-and-build, meaning the store will be replaced by the Gen.

3 new prototype,” QuikTrip spokesman Mike Thornbrough said. Thornbrough said the company is looking to start construction “sometime in October.” Once complete, Thornbrough said the 5,700-square-foot QuikTrip will resemble the new store at 37th North and Rock Road featuring a full-service kitchen with

an expanded menu including pizza options, flat-bread or toasted sandwiches, soft pretzels and soft-serve ice cream among several hot or cold items. The new store will include two entryways in the front and two on each side with a back door reserved for vendor traffic, Thornbrough said. “It’ll have a different look

inside and out,” he said. During the project, Whitson said an approximate 800 square-foot temporary facility would be constructed to bridge the gap between demolition and the reconstruction. He said customers could purchase snacks and drinks from the temporary facility, but the options will be limited from what the store currently

provides. Plans call for the gas pumps at QuikTrip to remain in service during the reconstruction. Thornbrough said the project would move along quickly, although he didn’t give a planned completion date for the reconstruction. “Our whole intent is to get it done as fast as we can the right way,” he said.

# Faith and family highlight Clean in a Wink franchise owner’s career

By Matt Heilman

On a cold February morning in 1988, Jerry Winkley put on his topcoat and tie and walked through the snow, trying to drum up business. With his wife, Lisa, and two young sons at home, Winkley knocked on doors. He started with a well-known Wichita neighborhood that looked like a solid bet to find potential customers. He left 100 door hangers on the front doors of homes in College Hill and knocked on every door that received a hanger. After he reached out to 100 potential customers, he’d leave another 100 hangers and knock on 100 more doors. He kept at it until he broke through.

“It was called blockbusting,” Winkley said. The outreach continued beyond College Hill and carried on until he got his new business off the ground. Over time, the work that began with the walks through the snow paid off. Now 54 years old, Winkley is retired from his role as the owner of the Service Master Clean in a Wink network of franchises based near 45th North and Hydraulic in Park City. Winkley’s last official day at Clean in a Wink was Aug. 1, but his work isn’t finished with the company that offers deep cleaning of homes and businesses and specializes in disaster restoration. In the relationship with the Service Master parent company, Winkley teaches continued education within the company’s broad network. He said he would like to build a sales, coaching and accountability network across the franchise system, helping franchises across the country grow like Clean in a Wink has in south-central Kansas, employing more than 100 employees. “Service Master has four objectives,” Winkley said. “Honoring God in all we do, helping people develop, pursuing excellence and growing profitability. Those four make a nice balance.”



Matt Heilman Valley Center residents Jerry and Lisa Winkley are looking forward to new doors opening.

Through the years, Winkley has guided teams to clean up messes that often seemed unfixable. Storms, flooded basements, large spills and scattered piles of debris challenged Clean in a Wink employees over the years. Each time, they’ve been able to answer the call. “It was a lot of hard work and a lot of prayer,” Winkley said. When he walked through the snow with the door hangers more than 26 years ago, Winkley didn’t know much about damage restoration. But he was confident he found the right business to provide for his family. In 1988, as the newest Service Master franchisee, he was listed in the phonebook, but the completion of his training with the company didn’t come with a list of customers. Service Master was a growing company in the United States and internationally, but Winkley had his work cut out for him. The young husband and father, previously employed as a youth pastor and a diesel mechanic, signed a contract to start a Service Master franchise in the fall of 1987 when his second oldest son, Jonathan was one day old. At the time, he was working as a youth pastor in the small town of Lorraine, located between Ellsworth and Lyons

in Ellsworth County. He enjoyed working with the youth, but for full-time work, he wanted the opportunity to work with his hands while providing a service for people. Winkley was trained as a diesel engine mechanic, but his color blindness limited his capabilities as the work became more computerized. He became interested in Service Master after hearing several ads for the company on Paul Harvey’s radio show, which he listened to every day. With Lisa’s support, Jerry Winkley moved his family to Wichita. In the winter of 1988, the family packed up its belongings with help from local farmers in Lorraine. “We moved in the middle of a blizzard,” Winkley said. The Winkleys moved to a small home in southwest Wichita and Jerry got to work, traveling through the city to find customers. He had a relatively small window to make the opportunity work. “We thought we had enough money saved where we could survive four to six months on our savings,” Winkley said. “So, we just lived

very, very carefully.” In the beginning, Winkley would come home in the evening after knocking on doors and calling insurance agents all day and Lisa would ask him if he had any leads. The timing of the first big lead proved challenging. On March 24, 1988, Lisa Winkley had a birthday, her first since the family moved to Wichita. Jerry made her a promise before he left for work that day. “I promised that no matter what happened that day, I was going to take her out for her birthday,” Winkley said. That morning, after he said goodbye to Lisa and his sons, Winkley got his first job from an insurance agent. A large basement featuring a player piano and a pool table was flooded. Winkley had never done a water-loss job and he had no employees. He couldn’t turn down the work, but he didn’t want to break his promise to take his wife to dinner. “I knew I was in trouble,” Winkley said. He called a friend he met at church and offered to pay him for a couple of hours of work on the basement so he could celebrate his wife’s birthday. “Then, I would work all night to finish the job,” Winkley said. After her birthday dinner, Lisa worked with her husband through the night to clean up the flooded basement. The Winkleys worked as a team, but were also able to rely on assistance from other area Service Master franchises when

needed. It didn’t take long for the Winkleys to earn a solid reputation with the company. “By the second month, we had started paying most of the bills for the business and after about four months, we were able to start paying ourselves an income,” Winkley said. Winkley’s business grew along with his family. His Service Master Corporation started humbly in a small rental property in Wichita and moved five times before finding its home on about five acres near 45th North and Hydraulic about 20 years ago. The company adopted the Clean in a Wink title about 17 years ago. Since starting the business, Jerry and Lisa Winkley had one more son and two daughters, all of which graduated from Valley Center High School. The couple also has two grandchildren. Today, one of Winkley’s first customers attends a class he teaches at Wichita’s Central

Christian Church on Sunday mornings. She’s still a customer as well as a friend, Winkley said. He’s appreciated the support from customers and his family, but looking back to the walks in the snow more than 26 years ago, Winkley indicated his faith more than anything carried him through. “Matthew 6:33 says, ‘Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you,’” Winkley said. “We felt we were seeking God when we came in to the business. We felt we were doing exactly what we needed to do, so somehow He would provide for us. We just didn’t know how soon.” Nor how much. When Winkley retired, Clean in a Wink had about 110 employees, about half of them working full-time for the company. “Our original vision was someday we would grow to a couple employees if we really, really grew,” Winkley said.

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